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1. The military airfield near Bad Vöslau was not visibly guarded, (for pinpoint location see page 5; for [redacted] sketch and details, see pages 3 and 5.) [redacted] there were guards in the vicinity of the parking areas. To the north of the airfield the terrain was flat. [redacted] Beyond the aircraft parking areas to the west [redacted] several buildings. [redacted] 25X1
 2. Only once in 1953 [redacted] a twin-engined aircraft landing on the field. It landed to the south; type was not identified. [redacted] it bore the insignia of the Czechoslovak Air Force. [redacted] 25X1
 3. On two separate occasions in 1953 and 1954 (summer), [redacted] a twin-engined jet bomber in flight [redacted] identified [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] The bomber did not fly directly overhead, but three to five kilometers west of the camp. The altitude and speed could not be estimated. No vapor or smoke trails were noticed. The aircraft did not appear to be descending or climbing. It produced a high pitched whistling sound which was not very loud. [redacted] Both times, the aircraft was flying in a northerly direction. There was no overcast at the time of the observations. 25X1

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4. During 1953 and 1954, [redacted] MIG-15 jet fighters flying in formations of two, three, and occasionally nine. The aircraft always flew somewhat east of the camp [redacted] The MIG's flew at various altitudes and only during good weather. [redacted] these flights occurred "quite often". Most often, three aircraft were seen flying in V formation. Once or twice, nine ship, three element V formations were observed. 25X1
5. Air-to-air firing practice was observed taking place three to five kilometers east of the camp four or five times during 1953. Only MIG-15's took part. A MIG-15 pulled a sausage - shaped target six to seven meters long, thickness approximately one meter. [redacted] the targets were made of canvas. The distance between the tail of the aircraft and the target appeared to be 35-45 meters. Usually one jet fighter approached the target either from the right or from the left. [redacted] the firing jet was at a higher altitude than the target-towing aircraft. Only one short burst was fired. It sounded like very slow machine-gun fire. Then the attacking jet made a wide turn and approached the target from the opposite side. Both aircraft always flew in a southerly direction. [redacted] The practice was carried out at various altitudes. 25X1

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Overlay of 
 Scale 1:100,000, Wiener Neustadt

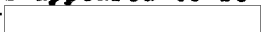

Location of Military Airfield near Bad Voslau

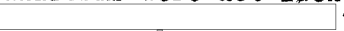
1. Road - 6 - 7 m wide, paved, one of the principal roads in the area. The road led north to Vienna. 


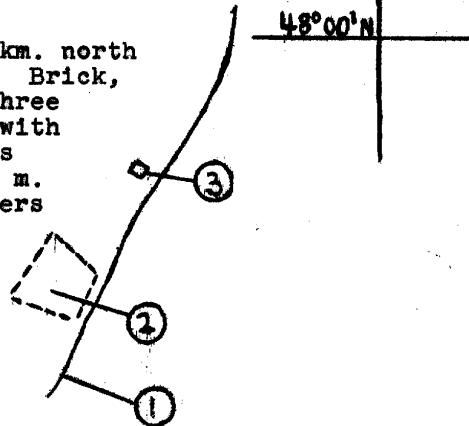
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2. Military Airfield

3. Small Building - Located approximately 2 km. north of the airfield, 200 m. west of the road. Brick, single storied, gable roof. There were three metal masts in the vicinity of the house with wires strung between them (number of wires unknown). The masts appeared to be 12-15 m. high. Occasionally  soldiers (1-2) in the area of the building. Their uniforms were not identified. 

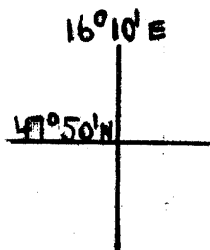
 there was some sort of connection between this building and the airfield.



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Legend to [] sketch of the military airfield near
Bad Voslau (N 47-58, E 16-13) []

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1. Road - Same as Point 1, on overlay (see page 3).
2. Airfield Boundary - Indicated by broken line. []
[] there were no fences or any
visible boundary markers enclosing the airfield area. The
field was grass surfaced. 25X1
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3. Runway - Length unknown, surface unknown. The northernmost
section of the runway was located approximately 300 meters
from the road [] at
night [] no [] runway lights or other field
lighting. 25X1
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4. Aircraft Parking Area - Surface and dimensions unknown. It
was located approximately one kilometer from the road. [] 25X1
[] only twin engine conventional aircraft, types not
identified. [] there might have been some
four-engine aircraft in the area but, because of the distance from
which his observation was made, he was reluctant to make a
positive statement. The aircraft were lined up in rows and
facing to the south. The exact number of twin-engine planes
in this area could not be estimated, but the number appeared
to be less than the number located in the aircraft parking area
(Point 5 below). The aircraft were silvery. No aircraft
insignia [] were noticed. 25X1
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5. Aircraft Parking Area - Surface and dimensions unknown. [] 25X1
[] three rows of jet fighter aircraft parked here. [] 25X1
positively identified [] as MIG-15's. There were four or five
jets in each row. The aircraft were facing south. The air-
craft were silvery. No aircraft insignia [] were
noticed. 25X1

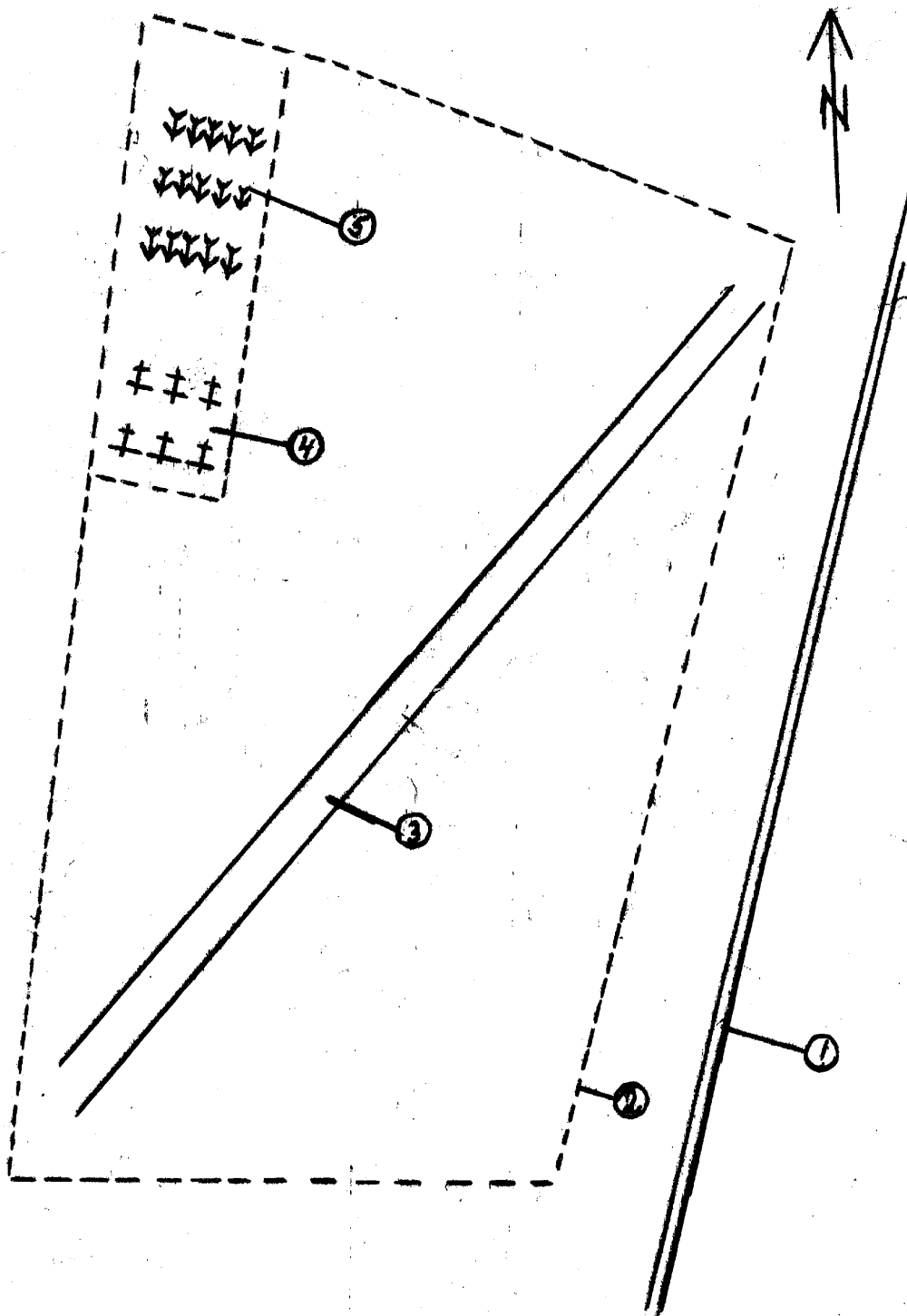
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Sketch of Military Airfield
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